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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 AND SUBMISSION OF A
DECLARATION SWEARING BACK UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated April 17, 2003, placing the above-captioned patent application under final rejection, the time for response having been extended for two months, please consider the following amendments and remarks. It is respectfully submitted that this response should be considered under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 since amendments may be made cancelling claims or complying with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous Office action. In addition, a declaration is submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 swearing back of a cited reference.